

# PEN

**PENNANT.** *n. f.* [*pennon*, Fr.]  
 1. A small flag, ensign or colours.  
 2. A tackle for hoisting things on board.  
**PENNATED.** *adj.* [*pennatus*, Latin.]  
 1. Winged.  
 2. *Pennated*, amongst botanists, are those leaves of plants as grow directly one against another on the same rib or stalk; as those of ash and walnut-tree.  
**PENNER.** *n. f.* [*from pen*.]  
 1. A writer.  
 2. A pence. *Ans.* So it is called in Scotland.  
**PENNYLESS.** *adj.* [*from penny*.] Moneyless: poor; wanting money.  
**PENNON.** *n. f.* [*pennon*, Fr.] A small flag or colour.  
 Her yellow locks crisped like golden wire,  
 About her shoulders weren loosely shed,  
 And when the wind amongst them did inspire,  
 They waved like a pennon wide dispred. *Fairy Queen.*  
 Harry sweeps through our land  
 With pennons painted in the blood of Harleuer. *Shakep.*  
 High on his pointed lance his pennon bore,  
 His Cretan fight, the conquer'd Minotaur. *Dryden.*  
**PENNY.** *n. f.* plural *pence*. [*penny*, Saxon.]  
 1. A small coin, of which twelve make a shilling: a penny is the radical denomination from which English coin is numbered, the copper halfpence and farthings being only *nummorum famuli*, a subordinate species of coin.  
 She sighs and shakes her empty shoes in vain,  
 No silver penny to reward her pain. *Dryden.*  
 One frugal on his birth-day fears to dine,  
 Does at a penny's cost in herbs repine. *Dryden.*  
 2. Proverbially. A small sum.  
 You shall hear  
 The legions, now in Gallia, sooner landed  
 In our not fearing Britain, than have tidings  
 Of any penny tribute paid. *Shakepear's Cymbeline.*  
 We will not lend thee a penny.  
 Because there is a latitude of gain in buying and selling,  
 take not the utmost penny that is lawful, for although it be  
 lawful, yet it is not safe. *Taylor's Living Holy.*  
 3. Money in general.  
 Pepper and Sabeen incense take;  
 And with post-haste thy running markets make;  
 Be sure to turn the penny. *Dryden.*  
 It may be a contrivance of some printer, who hath a mind  
 to make a penny. *Swift's Miscellanies.*  
**PENNYROYAL**, or *pudding grass.* *n. f.* [*pulegium*, Lat.]  
 Pennyroyal hath a labiated flower consisting of one leaf,  
 whose upper lip or crest is entire, but the lower lip or beard  
 is divided into three parts; out of the flower cup rises the  
 point attended by four embryos, which afterwards become  
 so many seeds: to which may be added, that the flowers grow  
 in short thick whorles. *Miller.*  
**PENNYWEIGHT.** *n. f.* [*penny and weight*.] A weight containing  
 twenty-four grains troy weight.  
 The Sevil piece of Eight is 1; pennyweight in the pound  
 worse than the English standard, weighs fourteen pennyweight,  
 contains thirteen pennyweight, twenty-one grains and fifteen  
 mites, of which there are twenty in the grain of sterling  
 silver, and is in value forty-three English pence and eleven  
 hundredths of a penny. *Arbutnot on Coins.*  
**PENNYWISE.** *adj.* [*penny and wise*.] One who saves small  
 sums at the hazard of larger; one who is a niggard on  
 improper occasions.  
 Be not pennywise; riches have wings and fly away of them-  
 selves. *Bacon.*  
**PENNYWORTH.** *n. f.* [*penny and worth*.]  
 1. As much as is bought for a penny.  
 2. Any purchase; any thing bought or sold for money.  
 As for corn it is nothing natural, save only for barley and  
 oats, and some places for rye; and therefore the larger penny-  
 worths may be allowed to them. *Spenser on Ireland.*  
 Pirates may make cheap pennyworths of their pillage,  
 And purchase friends. *Shakepear's Henry VI.*  
 You know I say nothing to him, for he hath neither  
 Latin, French nor Italian, and you may come into court,  
 and swear that I have a poor pennyworth of the English.  
*Shakepear.*  
 Lucian affirms, that the souls of usurers after their death  
 are translated into the bodies of asses, and there remain cer-  
 tain days for poor men to take their pennyworths out of their  
 bones and sides by cudgel and spur. *Peacbam.*  
 Though in purchases of church lands men have usually the  
 cheapest pennyworths, yet they have not always the best bar-  
 gains. *Saath's Sermons.*  
 3. Something advantageously bought; a purchase got for less  
 than it is worth.  
 For fame he pray'd, but let the event declare  
 He had no mighty pennyworth of his pray'r. *Dryden.*  
 4. A small quantity.  
 My friendship I distribute in pennyworths to those about me  
 and who displease me least. *Swift.*

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**PENSILE.** *adj.* [*pensilis*, Latin.]  
 1. Hanging; suspended.  
 There are two trepidations; the one manifest and local, as of  
 the bell when it is *pensile*; the other, secret of the minute parts.  
 This ethereal space,  
 Yielding to earth and sea the middle place,  
 Anxious I ask you, how the *pensile* ball  
 Should never strive to rise, nor never fear to fall. *Prior.*  
 2. Supported above the ground.  
 The marble brought, erects the spacious dome,  
 Or forms the pillars long-extended rows,  
 On which the planted grove and *pensile* garden grows. *Prior.*  
**PENSILENESS.** *n. f.* [*from pensile*.] The state of hanging.  
**PENSION.** *n. f.* [*pension*, Fr.] An allowance made to any  
 one without an equivalent. In England it is generally under-  
 stood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his  
 country.  
 A charity bestowed on the education of her young subjects  
 has more merit than a thousand *pensions* to those of a higher  
 fortune. *Addison's Guardian*, N° 105.  
 He has liv'd with the great without flattery, and been a  
 friend to men in power without *pensions*. *Pope.*  
 To *PENSION*. *v. a.* [*from the noun*.] To support by an arbi-  
 trary allowance.  
 One might expect to see medals of France in the highest  
 perfection, when there is a society *pensioned* and set apart  
 for the designing of them. *Addison on Ancient Medals.*  
 The hero William and the martyr Charles,  
 One knighted Blackmore, and one *pension'd* Quarles. *Pope.*  
**PENSIONARY.** *adj.* [*pensionnaire*, French.] Maintained by  
 pensions.  
 Scorn his household policies,  
 His filly plots and *pensionary* spies. *Dante.*  
 They were devoted by *pensionary* obligations to the olive.  
*Hovell's Vocal Persif.*  
**PENSIONER.** *n. f.* [*from pension*.]  
 1. One who is supported by an allowance paid at the will of  
 another; a dependant.  
 Prices of things necessary for sustentation, grew excessive  
 to the hurt of *pensioners*, soldiers, and all hired servants. *Cand.*  
 Hovering dreams,  
 The fickle *pensioners* of Morpheus' train. *Milton.*  
 The rector is maintained by the perquisites of the curate's  
 office, and therefore is a kind of *pensioner* to him. *Collier.*  
 2. A slave of state hired by a stipend to obey his master.  
 In Britain's senate he a feat obtains,  
 And one more *pensioner* St. Stephen gains. *Pope.*  
**PENSIVE.** *adj.* [*pensif*, French; *pensivo*, Italian.]  
 1. Sorrowfully thoughtful; sorrowful; mournfully serious; me-  
 lancholy.  
 Think it still a good work, which they in their *pensive* care  
 for the well bestowing of time account waste. *Hooker.*  
 Are you at leisure, holy father,—  
 —My leisure serves me, *pensive* daughter, now. *Shakep.*  
 Anxious cares the *pensive* nymph oppress,  
 And secret passions labour'd in her breast. *Pope.*  
 2. It is generally and properly used of persons; but *Prior* has  
 applied it to things.  
 We at the sad approach of death shall know  
 The truth, which from these *pensive* numbers flow,  
 That we pursue false joy, and suffer real woe. *Prior.*  
**PENSIVELY.** *adv.* [*from pensive*.] With melancholy; sorrow-  
 fully; with gloomy seriousness.  
 So fair a lady did I spy,  
 On herbs and flowers she walked *pensively*  
 Mild, but yet love she proudly did forsake. *Spenser.*  
**PENSIVENESS.** *n. f.* [*from pensive*.] Melancholy; sorrowful-  
 ness; gloomy seriousness.  
 Concerning the blessings of God, whether they tend unto  
 this life or the life to come, there is great cause why we  
 should delight more in giving thanks than in making requests  
 for them, inasmuch as the one hath *pensiveness* and fear, the  
 other always joy annexed. *Hooker*, b. v. f. 43.  
 Would'st thou unlock the door  
 To cold despair and gnawing *pensiveness*. *Herbert.*  
**PENT.** *part. pass. of pen.* Shut up.  
 Cut my lace asunder,  
 That my *pent* heart may have some scope to beat. *Shakep.*  
 The son of Clarence have I *pent* up close. *Shakepear.*  
**PENT.** *part. pass. of pen.* Shut up.  
 But with a grain a day, I would not buy  
 Their mercy. *Shakepear's Coriolanus.*  
 Their armour help'd their harm, crush'd in, and bruise'd  
 Into their substance *pent*. *Milton.*  
 The foul pure fire, like ours, of equal force;  
 But *pent* in flesh, must issue by discourse. *Dryden.*  
*Pent* up in Ulica he vainly forms  
 A poor epitome of Roman greatness. *Addison's Cato.*  
**PENTACULAR.** *adj.* [*pentale* and *capular*.] Having five  
 cavities.  
**PENTACHORD.** *adj.* [*pentale* and *χορδή*.] An instrument with  
 five strings. *PENTAEDEUS.*

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**PENTAEDEUS.** *adj.* [*pentale* and *ἑδρα*.] Having five sides.  
 The *pentaealous* columnar coralloid bodies are composed of  
 plates set lengthways, and passing from the surface to the  
 axis. *Woodward on Fossils.*  
**PENTAGON.** *n. f.* [*pentagon*, Fr. *pentale* and *γωνία*.] A  
 figure with five angles.  
 I know of that famous piece at Capralora, cast by Baroccio  
 into the form of a *pentagon* with a circle inscribed. *Watton.*  
**PENTAGONAL.** *adj.* [*from pentagon*.] Quinquangular; having  
 five angles.  
 The body being cut transversely, its surface appears like a  
 net made up of *pentagonal* meshes, with a *pentagonal* star in  
 each mesh. *Woodward on Fossils.*  
**PENTAMETER.** *n. f.* [*pentametre*, Fr. *pentametrum*, Lat.] A  
 Latin verse of five feet.  
 Mr. Ditch may possibly play some *pentameters* upon us,  
 but he shall be answered in Alexandrines. *Addison.*  
**PENTAGONAL.** *adj.* [*pentale* and *γωνία*.] Five cornered.  
 His thick and bony scales stand in rows, so as to make  
 the flesh almost *pentagonal*. *Grew.*  
**PENTATELUS.** *adj.* [*pentale* and *τεταλ*, Lat.] Having five  
 petals.  
**PENTASPAST.** *adj.* [*pentaspaste*, Fr. *pentale* and *παστα*.] An  
 engine with five pulleys.  
**PENTASTICK.** *n. f.* [*pentale* and *σῆκος*.] A composition con-  
 sisting of five verses.  
**PENTASTYLE.** *n. f.* [*pentale* and *στυλ*.] In architecture, a  
 work in which are five rows of columns. *Ditch.*  
**PENTATEUCH.** *n. f.* [*pentale* and *τευχος*; *pentateuch*, Fr.] The  
 five books of Moses.  
 The author in the ensuing part of the *pentateuch* makes not  
 unfrequent mention of the angels. *Bentley.*  
**PENTECOST.** *n. f.* [*pentecost*, Fr.] A feast  
 among the Jews.  
*Pentecost* signifies the fiftieth, because this feast was cele-  
 brated the fiftieth day after the sixteenth of Nisan, which was  
 the second day of the feast of the passover: the Hebrews call  
 it the feast of weeks, because it was kept seven weeks after the  
 passover: they then offered the first fruits of the wheat harvest,  
 which then was completed: it was instituted to oblige the  
 Israelites to repair to the temple, there to acknowledge the  
 Lord's dominion, and also to render thanks to God for the  
 law he had given them from mount Sinai, on the fiftieth day  
 after their coming out of Egypt. *Calmet.*  
 'Tis since the nuptial of Lucentio,  
 Come *pentecost* as quickly as it will  
 Some five and twenty years. *Shakepear's Romeo and Juliet.*  
**PENTECOSTAL.** *adj.* [*from pentecost*.] Belonging to Whit-  
 tide.  
 I have composed sundry collects, made up out of the  
 church collects with some little variation; as the collects ad-  
 ventual, quadragesimal, paschal or *pentecostal*. *Sanderfon.*  
**PENTHOUSE.** *n. f.* [*pent*, from *pen*, Fr. and *house*.] A shed  
 hanging out aloft from the main wall.  
 This is the *penthouse* under which Lorenzo desir'd us to  
 make a stand. *Shakepear's Merchant of Venice.*  
 Sleep shall neither night nor day  
 Hang upon his *penthouse* lid. *Shakepear.*  
 The Turks lurking under their *penthouse*, laboured with  
 mattocks to dig up the foundation of the wall. *Knolles.*  
 A blow was received by riding under a *penthouse*. *Wifeman.*  
 Those defensive engines, made by the Romans into the  
 form of *penthouses* to cover the assailants from the weapons of  
 the besieged, would he presently batter in pieces with stones  
 and blocks. *Wilkins.*  
 My *penthouse* eye-brows and my shaggy beard  
 Offend your sight; but these are manly signs. *Dryden.*  
 The chill rain  
 Drops from some *penthouse* on her wretched head. *Rowe.*  
**PENTICE.** *n. f.* [*appentir*, French; *pentice*, Italian.] It is  
 commonly supposed a corruption of *penthouse*; but perhaps  
*pentice* is the true word. A sloping roof.  
 Climes that fear the falling and lying of much snow, ought  
 to provide more inclining *pentices*. *Watton.*  
**PENTILE.** *n. f.* [*pent* and *tile*.] A tile formed to cover the  
 sloping part of the roof.  
*Pentiles* are thirteen inches long, with a button to hang on  
 the laths; they are hollow and circular. *Moxon.*  
**PENT UP.** *part. adj.* [*pent*, from *pen* and *up*.] Shut up.  
 Close *pent* up guilts  
 Rive your concealing continents. *Shakep. K. Lear.*  
**PENULTIMA.** *n. f.* [*Latin*.] The last syllable but one.  
**PENUMBRA.** *n. f.* [*pen* and *umbra*, Latin.] An imperfect  
 shadow.  
 The breadth of this image answered to the sun's diameter,  
 and was about two inches and the eighth part of an inch,  
 including the *penumbra*. *Newton.*  
**PENURIOS.** *adj.* [*from penuria*, Latin.]  
 1. Niggardly; sparing; not liberal; fordidly mean.  
 What more can our *penurious* reason grant  
 To the large whale or castled elephant, *Prior.*

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2. Scant; not plentiful.  
 Some *penurious* spring by chance appear'd  
 Scanty of water. *Addison.*  
**PENURIOSLY.** *adv.* [*from penurious*.] Sparingly; not plen-  
 tifully.  
**PENURIOSNESS.** *n. f.* [*from penurious*.] Niggardliness; par-  
 simony.  
 If we consider the infinite industry and *penuriousness* of that  
 people, it is no wonder that, notwithstanding they furnish as  
 great taxes as their neighbours, they make a better figure.  
*Addison on the State of the War.*  
**PENURY.** *n. f.* [*penuria*, Lat.] Poverty; indigence.  
 The *penury* of the ecclesiastical estate. *Hooker.*  
 Who can perfectly declare  
 The wondrous cradle of thy infancy?  
 When thy great mother Venus first thee bare,  
 Begot of plenty and of *penury*. *Spenser.*  
 Sometimes am I king;  
 Then treason makes me with myself a beggar;  
 And so I am: then crushing *penury*  
 Persuades me, I was better when a king;  
 Then I am king'd again. *Shakep. Richard III.*  
 All innocent they were exposed to hardship and *penury*,  
 which, without you, they could never have escaped. *Spent.*  
 Let them not still be obtusely blind,  
 Still to divert the good design'd,  
 Or with malignant *penury*  
 To starve the royal virtues of his mind. *Dryden.*  
 May they not justly to our climes upbraid  
 Shortness of night, and *penury* of shade. *Prior.*  
**PENY.** *n. f.* [*paonia*, Latin.]  
 The *peny* hath a flower composed of several leaves, which  
 are placed orbicularly, and expand in form of a rose, out of  
 whose empalement rises the pointal, which afterwards be-  
 comes a fruit, in which several little horns bent downwards  
 are gathered, as it were, into a little head covered with down  
 opening lengthways, containing many globular seeds. *Miller.*  
 A physician had often tried the *peny* root unseasonably  
 gathered without success; but having gathered it when the  
 decreasing moon passes under Aries and tied the slit root about  
 the necks of his patients, he had freed more than one from  
 epileptical fits. *Boyle.*  
**PEOPLE.** *n. f.* [*peuple*, Fr. *populus*, Lat.]  
 1. A nation; these who compose a community.  
 Prophecy again before many *peoples* and nations and  
 tongues. *Revelations x. 11.*  
 Ants are a *people* not strong, yet they prepare their meat in  
 summer. *Proverbs xxx. 25.*  
 What is the city but the *people*?  
 True the *people* are the city. *Shakep. Coriolanus.*  
 2. The vulgar.  
 The knowing artist may  
 Judge better than the *people*, but a play  
 Made for delight,  
 If you approve it not, has no excuse. *Waller.*  
 3. The commonalty; not the princes or nobles.  
 4. Persons of a particular class.  
 If a man temper his actions to content every combination  
 of *peoples*, the mulick will be the fuller. *Bacon.*  
 A small red flower in the stubble fields country *people* call  
 the wincoipe. *Bacon.*  
 5. Men, or persons in general. In this sense, the word *people*  
 is used indefinitely, like *ou* in French.  
 The frogs petitioning for a king, bids *people* have a care of  
 struggling with heaven. *L'Estrange.*  
*People* were tempted to lend by great premiums and large  
 interest. *Swift's Miscellanies.*  
 Watery liquor will keep an animal from starving by di-  
 luting the fluids; for *people* have lived twenty-four days upon  
 nothing but water. *Arbutnot on Aliments.*  
*People* in adversity should preserve laudable customs. *Clarissa.*  
**TO PEOPLE.** *v. a.* [*peupler*, French.] To stock with in-  
 habitants.  
 Suppose that Brute, or whoever else that first *peopled* this  
 island, had arrived upon Thames, and called the island after  
 his name Britannia. *Raleigh's History of the World.*  
 He would not be alone, who all things can;  
 But *peopled* Heav'n with angels, earth with man. *Dryden.*  
 Beauty a monarch is,  
 Which kingly power magnificently proves  
 By crouds of slaves, and *peopled* empire loves. *Dryden.*  
 A *peopled* city made a desert place. *Dryden.*  
 Imperious death directs his ebon lance;  
*Peoples* great Henry's tombs, and leads up Holben's dance. *Prior.*  
**PEPASTICKS.** *n. f.* [*πεπαστικα*.] Medicines which are good to  
 help the rawness of the stomach and digest crudities. *Ditch.*  
**PEPPER.** *n. f.* [*piper*, Lat. *peivre*, Fr.]  
 We have three kinds of *pepper*; the black, the white, and  
 the long, which are three different fruits produced by three  
 distinct plants: black *pepper* is a dried fruit of the size of a  
 vetch and roundish, but rather of a deep brown than a black  
 colour:  
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